

To: U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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I write to you today to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I just got done watching a very shocking video called, "A cow at my table", by Jennifer Abbott. By the end of this video I was completely in tears of anger and very, very appalled at what I had just seen!

You, our society, and yes, even myself, should hold our heads in shame for what we have become, and for what we have done and continue to do to these helpless animals. The unspeakable treatment of downed animals just ripped my heart out. I think that it is the meat industry that should be locked up, not the animals!!

These animals are so sick, most of them cannot even stand on their own legs! With broken bones, torn ligaments, torn flesh, bleeding from open wounds and some even with puss coming from them! And these animals are later slaughtered and put into the human food chain!! I ask you, does not common sense tell you that these animals are a health risk! It is no wonder why there has been outbreaks of diseases of bacteria from eating meat!!!!

And the way in which these animals are treated when they are moved, dragging them by their legs with chains or ropes, causing them even more pain and suffering, or picking them up with frontend loaders and dumping them like they were garbage!

It makes me sick to my stomach to think of the pain and unbearable suffering that these poor animals must be going through. And if downed animals comprise a very small percentage of the animals being slaughtered, then their marketing should be prohibited and cause no undue economic hardship.

Please stop the slaughter of downed animals and grant petition 98P-0151/CP1, please.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,

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